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MOTOR VEHICLE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of U.S. Patent 5,183,141 and German Patent Document DE 694 22 276 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

An English abstract and U.S. counterpart of the following are submitted herewith:

DE 196 37 106	U.S. Patent 5,810,145
EP 0 433 466	U.S. Patent 5,207,306
EP 0 497 164	U.S. Patent 5,133,439

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language document, Applicant submits the following explanation:

German Patent Document No. DE 697 16 573 is related to Hydraulic Link For Hydraulic Clutch Manipulation

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